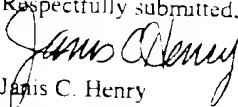


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above amendment nonelected claims 5-11 and 24-28 are canceled, claims 2 is amended and further discussed below, claims 3 and 4 are amended to remove the dependency from claim 1 and claim 19 is amended to incorporate the expression vector of claim 15. Claims remaining are claims 2, 4, 13, 15, 17-19, and 21, 23.

Claims 2, 13, 17 and 21 remain rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph. In order to speed allowance of the claims pending in this application, applicant has amended claim 2 to recite the algorithm used to determine percent identity. Since claims 13, 17 and 21 depend from claim 2 and claim 2 is now allowable, these claims are now in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests a notice to that effect.

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